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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Yoshihiro Honma
Serial No : 09/295,323
Filed : April 20, 1999
For : SIGNAL PROCESSING APPARATUS WHICH SUPPRESSES A
COLOR SIGNAL ACCORDING TO LUMINANCE LEVEL
Examiner : James M. Hannett
Art Unit : 2612

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Sir:

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL UNDER 35 U.S.C. §1.116

In response to the Office Action of October 22, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page

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Remarks begin on page 12 of this paper.

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Remarks

Claims 29, 42 and 45 have been amended. Claim 44 has been canceled and claims 47-66 have been added. Enclosed is our check in the amount of \$1050.00 in payment for the fee for the added claims. Please charge any additional claims or other fees for entry of this Amendment to our Deposit Account No. 03-3415.

Claims 1, 5, 9, 12 and 34-43 have been allowed. The Examiner has also indicated that claims 44 and 45 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant has amended claim 29 to include the features of claim 44, which has been deleted, and to also modify the recitation of the color-suppression circuit. Amended claim 29 is believed to represent the substance of deleted claim 44 and is thus believed to be allowable, as are its dependent claims 46 and 48. Likewise claim 45 has been amended to place it in independent form. Amended claim 45 and its dependent claim 47 are thus also believed to be allowable.

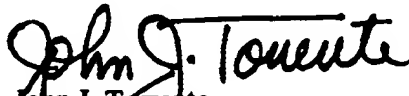
Added claims 49-66 are method claims that parallel allowable claims 1, 5, 9, 12, 29, 34-43 and 45-48. Claims 49-66 are thus also allowable.

Applicant submits, therefore, that all the claims in the application, as amended, have been allowed or are allowable. Accordingly, reconsideration of the claims and passage of same and this application to issue is respectfully requested.

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